

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of producing a deep-frozen intermediate product designed for making a sweet or savory pie, quiche, or tart with a crisp pie base containing a filling, the method comprising:

- preparing a pastry dough for a pie, a quiche, or a tart;
- shaping the pastry dough in a mold having a base and a peripheral side extending from the base;
- providing a perforated counter-mold having a base and a peripheral side extending from the base;
- partially baking the shaped pastry dough in an oven to obtain a part-baked pie base, said part-baking being carried out with a side of the shaped pastry dough being maintained in its shape ~~framed~~ between said the peripheral side of the mold and the peripheral side of the counter-mold, the shaped pastry ~~dough~~ dough having an edge ~~maintained~~ framed between the sides of the mold and counter-mold and the perforations allowing steam to be evacuated during part-baking;
- preparing a liquid, uncooked filling for the pie, quiche, or tart;
- assembling the part-baked pie base with the filling by disposing the uncooked filling on the part-baked pie base;
- deep-freezing the part-baked pie base and the uncooked filing; and

- packaging the deep frozen assembly to obtain a packaged deep-frozen intermediate product comprising the uncooked filling disposed on the part-baked pie base.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein part-baking of the pastry dough is carried out for a period in the range of 30% to 70% of the total baking time for the pie base.
4. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the uncooked filling is poured into or deposited onto the part-baked pie base before deep-freezing the assembly.
5. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the uncooked filling is molded and deep-frozen before being disposed in the deep-frozen state on the part-baked pie base.
6. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein the deep-frozen, uncooked filling is disposed on the part-baked deep-frozen pie base.
7. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein the deep-frozen, uncooked filling is disposed on the part-baked non deep-frozen pie base and the assembly is deep-frozen.
- 8-11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein the uncooked filling is poured into or deposited onto the part-baked pie base before deep-freezing the assembly.